

Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia; Rand Wentworth, Land Trust Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Timothy Lindstrom, Jackson Hole Land Trust, Jackson, Wyoming.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, and Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine exploring the promise of embryonic stem cell research, focusing on Alzheimer's Disease, Huntington's Disease, diabetes, and Parkinson's Disease, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Goldstein, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine; Douglas A. Doerfler, MaxCyte, Inc., Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; John D. Gearhart, Johns Hopkins University Department of Medicine Institute for Cell Engineering, Baltimore, Maryland; Su-Chun Zhang, University of Wisconsin-Madison Waisman Mental Retardation Center; and Chris Dudley, Portland, Oregon.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 2791–2826; 1 private bill, H.R. 2827; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 174–175; and H. Res. 307–309 were introduced. **Pages H4295–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4296–97**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 481, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000, amended (H. Rept. 109–107);

H.R. 774, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 109–108);

H.R. 853, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States (H. Rept. 109–109);

H.R. 873, to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (H. Rept. 109–110);

H.R. 1084, to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery

who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862 (H. Rept. 109–111);

H.R. 1428, to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, amended (H. Rept. 109–112);

H.R. 2362, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (H. Rept. 109–113); and

H.R. 432, to require the Secretary of the Interior to permit continued occupancy and use of certain lands and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park (H. Rept. 109–114). **Pages H4294–95**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4191**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Nelson Quinones, Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. **Page H4191**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week: H. Con. Res. 159, amended, recognizing the sacrifices being made by the families of members of the Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week. **Pages H4194–97**

Withdrawing approval of the U.S. from the Agreement establishing the WTO—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 304, the rule providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 27, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, by a voice vote. **Pages H4197–S4201**

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House passed H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 238. **Pages H4201–73**

Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the amendments made in order and the time limit for debate on such amendments. **Pages H4251–52**

Agreed to:

Bonilla amendment that increases funding for the Watershed Rehabilitation Program and Rural Cooperative Development Grants; **Pages H4223–24**

Butterfield amendment that increases funding for Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers; **Page H4224**

Baca amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7), offered by Representative Hinojosa, that increases funding for education grants programs for Hispanic-serving Institutions; **Pages H4244–25**

Bonilla amendment that increases the amount available in section 735 of the bill; **Page H4237**

DeLauro amendment that strikes language in section 757 of the bill; **Page H4237**

Schwarz of Michigan amendment (No. 9 printed in Congressional Record of June 7) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should use the transfer authority provided by the Plant Protection Act to implement the strategic plan developed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for the eradication of Emerald Ash Borer in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana; **Pages H4244–45**

Weiner amendment that increases funding for the salaries and expenses of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 201 noes, Roll No. 230); **Pages H4225–26, H4259–60**

Sweeney amendment that prohibits the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to inspect horses under the Federal Meat Inspection Act or under guidelines issued under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 269 yeas to 158 noes, Roll No. 233); and **Pages H4247–51, H4261–62**

Brown of Ohio amendment that prohibits the use of funds to purchase chickens under the Richard B.

Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, after December 31, 2005, unless the Secretary takes into account whether such purchases are in compliance with the standards of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. **Page H4269**

Rejected:

Rehberg amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7) that sought to strike a provision relating to the delay in country of origin labeling for meat and meat products (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 240 noes, Roll No. 231); **Pages H4238–43, H4260**

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to grant a waiver of financial conflict of interest requirement for any voting member of an advisory committee or panel of the FDA; or to make a certification under title 18, United States Code, for any such voting member (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 232); **Pages H4243–47, H4260–61**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who make loans in excess of 17 cents per pound for raw sugar cane or 21.6 cents per pound for refined beet sugar (by a recorded vote of 146 yeas to 280 noes, Roll No. 234); **Pages H4252–57, H4262**

Chabot amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to carry out section 203 of the Agriculture Trade Act of 1978, or to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out a market program under such section (by a recorded vote of 66 yeas to 356 noes, Roll No. 235); **Pages H4257–59, H4262–63**

Hefley amendment that sought to cut overall spending in the bill by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 80 yeas to 335 noes, Roll No. 236); and **Pages H4264–65, H4271–72**

Garrett of New Jersey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds under the heading “Food and Nutrition Service—Food Stamp Program” in contravention of the Immigration and Nationality Act (by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 258 noes, Roll No. 237). **Pages H4265–66, H4272–73**

Withdrawn:

Platts amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the salaries and expenses for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; **Pages H4226–27**

Moran of Kansas amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new

section to the bill regarding funding to carry out the Plant Protection Act; and **Pages H4237–38**

Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses. **Pages H4268–69**

Point of Order sustained against:

Provision beginning with the colon on page 54 line 4 through the word “overseas” on line 9;

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Section 749 of the bill;

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Section 760 of the bill;

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Hinchey amendment that sought to insert a section at the end of the bill regarding Postmarket Studies; **Pages H4264–65**

Stupak amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to keep in effect an exemption for a clinical trial that concerns a serious or life-threatening disease or condition and is not included in the registry of such trials in the Public Health Service Act; and prohibits the use of funds to approve an application under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act that is for a drug for a serious or life-threatening disease or condition and is supported by a clinical trial that has received an exemption under the Act and is not included in the clinical trial registry of the Public Health Service Act;

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Kucinich amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the FDA for the approval or process of approval under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of an application for an animal drug for creating transgenic salmon or any other transgenic fish;

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Stupak amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds by the FDA to conduct any investigation of, or take any employment action against, an officer or employee of the FDA pursuant to the officer or employee providing information that concerns the FDA;

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Kucinich amendment that sought to require the Department of Agriculture to test, at the request of a producer or processor, ruminants, ruminant products and by-products for the presence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy; and prohibit the use of funds to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department to enforce any regulatory prohibition on such testing; and

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Weiner amendment that sought to allow grants to be made to states for distribution to active agricultural producers.

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H. Res. 303, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H4201–08

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Smith of Washington wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary, effective immediately. **Page H4208**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 307 electing Representative Wasserman Schultz to the Committee on the Judiciary and Representative Moore of Kansas to the Committee on Science.

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Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Chairman Kolbe and vice-Chairman Harris (FL), appointed on April 14, 2005: Representatives Dreier, Berman, Barton (TX), Manzullo, Weller, Reyes, and McCaul (TX). **Pages H4273–74**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4259–60, H4260, H4260–61, H4261–62, H4262, H4262–63, H4271–72, H4272–73 and H4273. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL SOLID WASTE IMPORTATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2491, International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2005.

FOREIGN DEBT ASSISTANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Debt and Development: How to Provide Efficient, Effective Assistance to the World's Poorest Countries?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATION'S ELECTRICITY SYSTEM RELIABILITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Reliability of the Nation's Electricity System.” Testimony was heard from Pat Wood, III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.